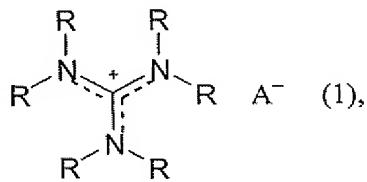


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A process for the preparation of guanidinium salts of the formula (1)



in which the substituents R in each case, independently of one another, have the meaning of hydrogen,

straight-chain or branched alkyl having 1-20 C atoms,

saturated, partially or fully unsaturated cycloalkyl having 3-7 C atoms, which may be

substituted by alkyl groups having 1-6 C atoms,

where one or more substituents R may be partially or fully substituted by halogen or partially by CN or NO₂ and halogen denotes F, Cl, Br or I,

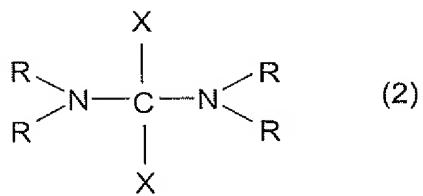
where up to four substituents R may be bonded to one another in pairs by a single or double bond

and where a carbon atom or two non-adjacent carbon atoms of one or more substituents R may be replaced by atoms and/or atom groups selected from the group -O-, -C(O)-, -C(O)O-, -S-, -S(O)-, -SO₂-, -SO₃-, -N=, -N=N-, -NH-, -NR'-, -PR'-, -P(O)R'-, -P(O)R'-O-, -O-P(O)R'-O-, and -P(R')₂=N-, where R' denotes non-fluorinated, partially or perfluorinated alkyl having 1-6 C atoms, saturated or partially unsaturated cycloalkyl having 3-7 C atoms, unsubstituted or substituted phenyl or an unsubstituted or substituted heterocycle

and

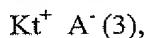
A⁻ is a sulfonate, alkyl- or arylsulfate, hydrogensulfate, imide, methanide, carboxylate, phosphate, phosphinate, phosphonate, borate, thiocyanate, perchlorate, fluorosilicate or nitrate,

by reaction of a compound of the formula (2)



in which the substituents R have a meaning indicated for formula (1) and X denotes F, Cl or Br,

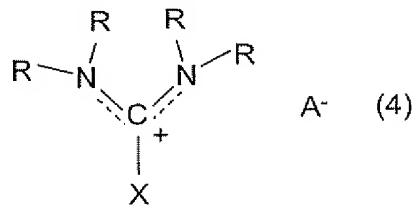
with a compound of the formula (3)



in which A⁻ has a meaning indicated for formula (1) and

Kt⁺ can be a proton, R''₃Si, an alkali or alkaline earth metal cation, an ammonium cation, a phosphonium cation or a cation from group 11 or 12,

where R'' in each case, independently of one another, denotes phenyl or a linear or branched alkyl group having 1-6 C atoms, which may be substituted by phenyl,
and subsequent reaction of the resultant compound of the formula (4)



where the substituents R, X and A⁻ have a meaning indicated for formula (1) or (2),
with compounds of the formula (5)



where the substituents R have a meaning indicated for formula (1) and
M denotes hydrogen, R''₃Si, an alkali or alkaline earth metal and
R'' in each case, independently of one another, denotes phenyl or a linear or branched alkyl group having 1-6 C atoms, which may be substituted by phenyl.

2. (Currently amended) A process Preess according to Claim 1, characterised in that
wherein a compound of compounds of the formula Kt⁺ A⁻ (3) are is employed, in which Kt⁺

has a meaning indicated in Claim 1 and

A^- is selected from the group

$[R^1OSO_3]^-$, $[R^1SO_3]^-$, $[R^FSO_3]^-$, $[(FSO_2)_2N]^-$, $[(R^FSO_2)_2N]^-$, $[(R^FSO_2)(R^FCO)N]^-$,
 $[(R^FSO_2)_3C]^-$, $[(FSO_2)_3C]^-$, $[R^1CH_2C(O)O]^-$, $[R^FC(O)O]^-$, $[P(C_nF_{2n+1-m}H_m)_yF_{6-y}]^-$,
 $[P(C_6F_5)_yF_{6-y}]^-$, $[(R^1O)_2P(O)O]^-$, $[R^1_2P(O)O]^-$, $[R^1P(O)O_2]^{2-}$, $[R^2_2P(O)O]^-$, $[R^FP(O)O_2]^{2-}$,
 $[BF_{4-z}R^F_z]^-$, $[BF_{4-z}(CN)_z]^-$, $[B(C_6F_5)_4]^-$, $[B(OR^1)_4]^-$, $[N(CN)_2]^-$, $[C(CN)_3]^-$, $[N(CF_3)_2]^-$,
 $[HSO_4]^-$, $[SiF_6]^{2-}$, $[ClO_4]^-$, $[SCN]^-$ and or $[NO_3]^-$,

in which the substituents R^F in each case, independently of one another, have the meaning of perfluorinated and straight-chain or branched alkyl having 1-20 C atoms,

perfluorinated and straight-chain or branched alkenyl having 2-20 C atoms and one or more double bonds,

perfluorinated and saturated, partially or fully unsaturated cycloalkyl having 3-7 C atoms, which may be substituted by perfluoroalkyl groups,

where the substituents R^F may be bonded to one another in pairs by a single or double bond and

where a carbon atom or two non-adjacent carbon atoms of the substituent R^F which are not in the α -position to the heteroatom may be replaced by atoms and/or atom groups selected from the group -O-, -C(O)-, -S-, -S(O)-, -SO₂-, -N=, -N=N-, -NR'-, -PR'- and -P(O)R'-, where R' denotes non-fluorinated, partially or perfluorinated alkyl having 1-6 C atoms, saturated or partially unsaturated cycloalkyl having 3-7 C atoms, unsubstituted or substituted phenyl or an unsubstituted or substituted heterocycle,

in which the substituents R^1 in each case, independently of one another, have the meaning of straight-chain or branched alkyl having 1-20 C atoms,

straight-chain or branched alkenyl having 2-20 C atoms and one or more double bonds,

straight-chain or branched alkynyl having 2-20 C atoms and one or more triple bonds,

saturated, partially or fully unsaturated cycloalkyl having 3-7 C atoms, which may be substituted by alkyl groups having 1-6 C atoms,

where the substituents R^1 may be partially substituted by CN, NO₂ or halogen and halogen denotes F, Cl, Br or I,

where the substituents R^1 may be bonded to one another in pairs by a single or double bond

and

where a carbon atom or two non-adjacent carbon atoms of the substituent R¹ which are not in the α -position to the heteroatom may be replaced by atoms and/or atom groups selected from the group -O-, -C(O)-, -C(O)O-, -S-, -S(O)-, -SO₂-, -SO₃-, -N=, -N=N-, -NH-, -NR'-, -PR'-, -P(O)R'-, P(O)R'O-, OP(O)R'O-, -PR'N-, -C(O)NH-, -C(O)NR'-, -SO₂NH- or -SO₂NR'-, where R' denotes non-fluorinated, partially or perfluorinated alkyl having 1-6 C atoms, saturated or partially unsaturated cycloalkyl having 3-7 C atoms, unsubstituted or substituted phenyl or an unsubstituted or substituted heterocycle

and the variables

n denotes 1 to 20,

m denotes 0, 1, 2 or 3,

y denotes 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, and

z denotes 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4.

3. (Currently amended) A process Precess according to Claim 1, characterised in that
wherein A⁻ is selected from the group

[CH₃OSO₃]⁻, [C₂H₅OSO₃]⁻, [C(CN)₃]⁻,
[CH₃SO₃]⁻, [C₈H₁₇SO₃]⁻, [CH₃C₆H₄SO₃]⁻, [CF₃SO₃]⁻, [C₂H₅SO₃]⁻, [CF₃CF₂SO₃]⁻,
[(CF₃SO₂)₂N]⁻, [(FSO₂)₂N]⁻, [(CF₃SO₂)(CF₃CO)N]⁻, [(C₂F₅SO₂)(CF₃CO)N]⁻,
[(C₂F₅SO₂)₂N]⁻, [(CF₃SO₂)₃C]⁻, [(C₂F₅SO₂)₃C]⁻, [(FSO₂)₃C]⁻, [CH₃C(O)O]⁻, [C₂H₅C(O)O]⁻,
[CF₃C(O)O]⁻, [CF₃CF₂C(O)O]⁻, [PF₆]⁻, [P(C₂F₅)₃F₃]⁻, [P(C₄F₉)₃F₃]⁻, [P(CF₃)₃F₃]⁻,
[P(C₂F₄H)(CF₃)₂F₃]⁻, [P(C₂F₃H₂)₃F₃]⁻, [P(C₂F₅)(CF₃)₂F₃]⁻, [P(C₆F₅)₃F₃]⁻, [P(C₃F₇)₃F₃]⁻,
[P(C₂F₅)₂F₄]⁻, [(HO)₂P(O)O]⁻, [(CH₃O)₂P(O)O]⁻, [(C₂H₅O)₂P(O)O]⁻, [(C₂F₅)₂P(O)O]⁻,
[(C₂F₅)P(O)O₂]²⁻, [P(C₆F₅)₂F₄]⁻, [(CH₃)₂P(O)O]⁻, [CH₃P(O)O₂]²⁻, [(CF₃)₂P(O)O]⁻,
[CF₃P(O)O₂]²⁻, [BF₄]⁻, [BF₃(CF₃)]⁻, [BF₂(C₂F₅)₂]⁻, [BF₃(C₂F₅)]⁻, [BF₂(CF₃)₂]⁻, [B(C₂F₅)₄]⁻,
[BF₃(CN)]⁻, [BF₂(CN)₂]⁻, [B(CN)₄]⁻, [B(OCH₃)₄]⁻, [B(CF₃)₄]⁻, [B(OCH₃)₂(OC₂H₅)₂]⁻,
[B(O₂C₂H₄)₂]⁻, [B(O₂C₂H₂)₂]⁻, [B(O₂C₆H₄)₂]⁻, [N(CN)₂]⁻, [N(CF₃)₂]⁻, [HSO₄]⁻, [ClO₄]⁻,
[SiF₆]⁻, [SCN]⁻ or [NO₃]⁻.

4. (Currently amended) A process Precess according to Claim 1, characterised in that
wherein the substituent X in dihalogen compounds of the formula (2) according to Claim 1

denotes fluorine or chlorine.

5. (Currently amended) A process Process according to Claim 1, characterised in that wherein the substituent R in compounds of the formula (5) according to Claim 1 in each case, independently of one another, has the meaning of hydrogen, straight-chain or branched alkyl having 1-20 C atoms or saturated, partially or fully unsaturated cycloalkyl having 3-7 C atoms, which may be substituted by alkyl groups having 1-6 C atoms.
6. (Currently amended) A process Process according to Claim 1, characterised in that wherein the first step of the process is carried out in water.
7. (Currently amended) A process Process according to one Claim 1, characterised in that wherein the first step of the process is carried out at temperatures of 0° to 150°C.
8. (Currently amended) A process Process according to Claim 1, characterised in that wherein the first step of the process is carried out in an organic solvent.
9. (Currently amended) A process Process according to Claim 1, characterised in that wherein the first step of the process is carried out at temperatures of -50° to 150°C.
10. (Currently amended) A process Process according to Claim 1, characterised in that wherein the second step of the process is carried out without a solvent.
11. (Currently amended) A process Process according to Claim 1, characterised in that wherein the second step of the process is carried out at a temperature at which at least one component is liquid.
12. (Currently amended) A process Process according to Claim 1, characterised in that wherein the second step of the process is carried out in an organic solvent.

13. (Currently amended) A process according to Claim 1, characterised in that
wherein the second step of the process is carried out at temperatures of 50° to 150°C.

14. (Currently amended) A process according to Claim 1, characterised in that
wherein the second step of the process is carried out in water.

15. (Currently amended) A process according to Claim 1, characterised in that
wherein the second step of the process is carried out at temperatures of 0° to 150°C.

16.-17. (Cancelled)

18. (New) A compound that is:

1,3-dimethyl-2-chloroimidazolidinium tris(pentafluoroethyl)trifluorophosphate,
bis(dimethylamino)chlorocarbonium, tris(pentafluoroethyl)trifluorophosphate,
bis(dimethylamino)chlorocarbonium bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide,
bis(dimethylamino)chlorocarbonium trifluoromethanesulfonate,
1,3-dimethyl-2-chloroimidazolidinium trifluoromethanesulfonate,
bis(dimethylamino)chlorocarbonium tosylate,
bis(dimethylamino)chlorocarbonium hydrogensulfate,
1,3-dimethyl-2-chloroimidazolidinium nitrate,
bis(dimethylamino)chlorocarbonium trifluoroacetate,
bis(dimethylamino)chlorocarbonium thiocyanate,
bis(dimethylamino)chlorocarbonium tetracyanoborate,
1,3-dimethyl-2-diethylaminoimidazolidinium bis(trifluoromethyl)imide,
1,3-dimethyl-2-chloroimidazolidinium bis(fluorosulfonyl)imide
bis(dimethylamino)chlorocarbonium methylsulfate,
bis(dimethylamino)chlorocarbonium bis(pentafluoroethyl)phosphinate,
1,3-dimethyl-2-chloroimidazolidinium methylsulfate,
1,3-dimethyl-2-chloroimidazolidinium dihydrophosphate,

or

1,3-dimethyl-2-chloroimidazolidinium dimethyiphosphate.